GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
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CONSTRUCTION COST OF DELHI METRO RAIL PROJECT
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether on the basis of cost in 1996, the construction cost of Metro Rail in Delhi by DelhiMetro Rail Corporation has been estimated to Rs.6,000 crore;

(b) if not, the exact amount of the estimate;

(c) whether now the estimated expenditure of the project comes to Rs.12,370 crore;

(d) if so, whether it is the result of steep hike in prices of building materials and expenses on other heads since 1996; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY O URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a)&(b): Excluding taxes and duties fixed cost of Delhi Metro Railway phase-I project at April, 1996 price level was estimated at Rs.4,860 crore.

(c)to(e): The revised cost is yet to be finalised and approved. However, there is likely to be increase in cost due to increased length of the network on account of change in corridors, inclusion of taxes and duties in project cost, provision of modern coaches and automatic fare collection system, finalisation of major contracts on the basis of international competitives bidding and improved specifications which were not envisaged in the original project report.